

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 8, 2009. Claims 12-22 are currently pending. Claim 12 is the only pending independent claim and is hereby amended. Please charge deposit account 02-1818 for all fees due in connection with this Response.

The Office Action rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nagumo (U.S. Patent No. 6,657,593). Applicants respectfully disagrees with, and traverses, such rejections.

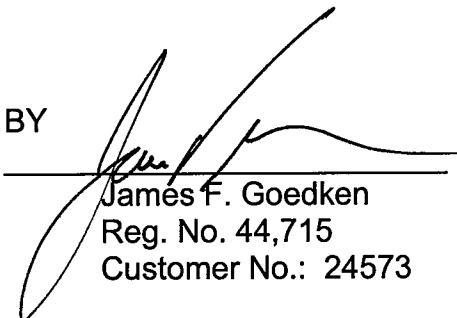
Independent claim 12 recites, among other elements, wherein a single one of the parasitic transmitters extends in at least two different dimensions in the plane to at least partially extend over two adjacent sides of the planar patch antenna. Nagumo fails to teach this feature. Nagumo teaches that each non-fed radiation electrode 4 may extend in more than one different dimension in the plane. However, these "additional" extensions do not extend over additional sides of the fed radiation electrode 3.

Each of the other pending claims depends directly or indirectly from independent claim 12. Therefore, for the reasons provided above, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing, referencing Attorney Docket No. 119065-035.

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